



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Qi et al.

Application No.: 10/031,520

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For: ALGAE PROTEIN POLYSACCHARIDE
EXTRACTION AND USE THEREOF

Group: 1651

Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22, 24-27, 29, 31-34, 36, 38-41, 43, 45-48, 50, 52-55, 57-61, and 63-71 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22, 24-27, 29, 31-34, 36, 38-41, 43, 45-48, 50, 52-55, 57-61, and 63-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shinpo et al. (JP 58-128322). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections and have incorporated by reference the attached